

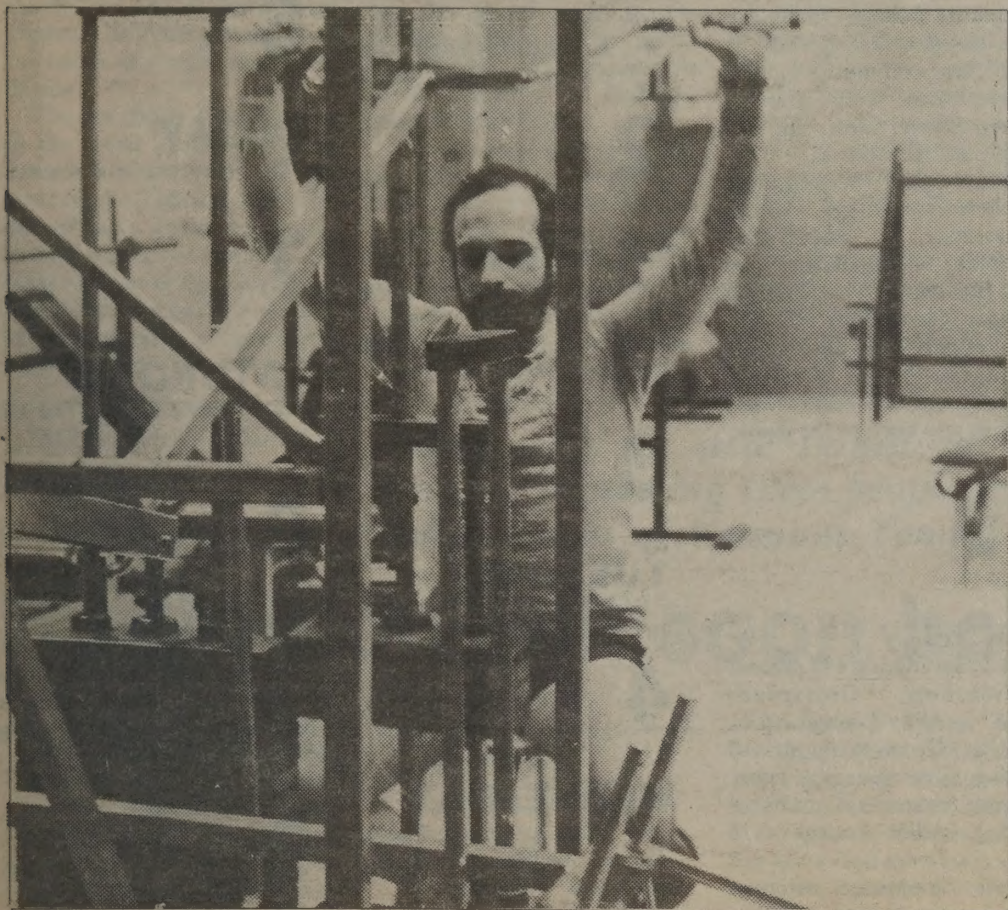


The Defender



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Health and fitness!



Jam Penoyar, campus ministry pictured in Ross Sports Center weight room. For stories on health and fitness check out pages 9 and 12. (photo by Pat Farrington)

Cleary and St. Mike's reach tenure accord

By John Jennings and Mike Henderson

Professor Richard Cleary will be granted tenure as soon as he is accepted into a doctoral program in mathematics or statistics, according to a letter from President Paul Reiss on Feb. 9.

The letter, addressed to the college faculty, stated that Cleary's "grant of tenure will be unqualified except that he shall not have a right to continuous appointment beyond June 30, 1996 unless by that time he has obtained the doctorate or has completed all work toward the doctorate except the dissertation and its defense."

Cleary said he was very happy with the agreement reached with the college. He said he

would teach at the college next year, then take the following four years off to pursue his doctorate. He originally planned to take two years off and return to the college with his doctorate studies half completed. This would stretch the time it takes to complete the doctorate program over several years.

"My wife and I decided that we didn't want to commute between college and graduate school, so we decided to get it done in one shot," Cleary said.

The college will not pay for the time Cleary spends pursuing the degree. Cleary will receive one year of half-salary, as if he were on sabbatical, according to Ronald Provost, dean of academic affairs.

The letter from Reiss also



stated the rationale behind the tenure decision.

"This agreement will allow the college to acknowledge Professor Cleary's very real contributions to St. Michael's... At the same time, it will allow the college to maintain appropriate qualifications for faculty appointments."

New registration fee must be paid

By Debby Gagnon

St. Michael's students must pay a new pre-registration fee of \$200 before March 1. Failure to pay this would result in a forfeiture of a student's eligibility for pre-registration and room draw for the 1987-88 academic year.

The rationale behind this measure is to "serve the students better," said Ronald Provost, academic dean.

"We would be better serving the majority of students with this new implication. We won't be cutting potential freshmen,"

said Provost.

"We will know early enough what students are returning to St. Michael's."

The penalty for delinquency in payment will be "lower priority classes for the fall semester and no guarantee of on-campus housing," Mike Samara, dean of students said.

The students that pay the \$200 will meet with their respected advisers for pre-registration. Those students that

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Students tutoring juvenile inmates

By John Jennings

Down a winding road across Route 15 from north campus is Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility.

Three students from St. Michael's work there, tutoring resident who are having difficulty with math or reading. John Daly, Julie Cronin and Kathy Stubbing began volunteering at Woodside this year.

Daly, a junior, tutors students at Woodside about eight hours a week. His students range in age from 12 to 17. Most are in custody of the state of Vermont because they have been convicted of crimes and are too young for correctional centers designed for adults.

Daly learned about the tutoring program last semester as he left Sunday mass in the Chapel.

"They were passing out these leaflets that asked for volunteers at the Chittenden Correctional Center. I wanted to get involved and volunteer, so I called," Daly said.

The Chittenden Facility, a center for adult convicts, told Daly they had enough volunteer help, but referred him to Woodside.

After an interview and a tour of Woodside late last semester, Daly was hired as volunteer. He began work early this semester.

Daly said he has had no problems with his students.

"They're all being tutored voluntarily so there's no one there who doesn't want to be there. A couple of them were

unmotivated but otherwise, I've had no problems," he said.

Thirty youths live at Woodside. About half stay there temporarily, as they wait to be housed in either group homes or other state facilities. The remainder are there for long-term treatment. Nearly 90 percent of the residents are male.

Thomas Krug, a supervisor at the facility summed up the philosophy behind the program: "We usually have the kids long enough that we expect them to change," he said.

Education is used to bring about part of that change. All Woodside residents are instructed daily in Math and English by Lee Winchester and Albert Humphries. The St. Michael's volunteers tutor students who are having difficulty in their daily lessons.

Daly, a history major, is disappointed that history is not part of the daily curriculum at Woodside. For now, Daly seems happy tutoring grammar and math, and discussing books his students have read.

Winchester said he is very happy with the work he has seen from the three St. Michael's Volunteers. "They've all been doing very well tutoring one-on-one with the kids," he said.

Since the beginning of the semester, other students from the college have expressed interest in tutoring at the facility. Unfortunately, a limited number of tutors are needed at Woodside, Krug said.

Profs to get raise

By David Ferrigno

Next year's tuition increase of 6.5 percent (\$670 per student), will mean a 7.9 percent increase in faculty salaries for all professors at St. Michael's College. This may sound substantial, but is it?

The tuition increase will create a surplus in excess of \$1 million over last year's tuition. Only 21 percent of this money is being used to increase the salary of the faculty.

President Paul J. Reiss spoke at the SA meeting three weeks ago and said that the faculty salaries at other comparable institutions were higher (roughly 8-9 percent for 86-87) than at St. Michael's.

The schools Reiss named as comparable are: University of Vermont, Middlebury, Holy Cross, Castleton State, Norwich, Assumption, LeMoyne, Stonehill, Sacred Heart, Siena, St. Anselm's.

The twelve schools' average salary for a full professor was \$39,517 for the year 1986-87. A full professor is one that has tenure. At St. Michael's, the average salary for a full professor was \$36,033. The increase that the full professor will receive next year (87-88) still doesn't meet the average for this year (86-87) at the comparable institutions. Next year's salaries for the 12 schools are not available at this time.

For associate professors, St. Michael's will jump past the 1986-87 average of \$31,286 for the 12 schools. Last year associate professors at St. Michael's made \$29,571 on average.

Assistant professors at St. Michael's will also make less in 1987-88 than the 12 school average of \$26,033 in 1986-87.

Over \$800,000 of the surplus will go to other places to improve other aspects of life at St. Michael's.

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Around Town

THE STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER
The Student Resource Center will offer the following programs during the upcoming week.

ON-CAMPUS RECRUITERS
Feb. 18
Thom McAn is looking for manager trainees in the New England area, they will interview all majors from 1-4 p.m. at the Student Resource Center.
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WEDNESDAY

- Last home game of the season. Men's ice hockey vs New Hampshire College, 7:30 p.m.-Essex Junction skating rink
- SA film committee movie, "Heaven Can Wait", starring Warren Beatty. Shows are at 7 and 9 p.m. Herrouet-\$2.
- JAZZ NIGHT '87 featuring: Middlebury College, Sound Investment — SMC Jazz Ensemble — Middlebury and SMC Jazz combos — Dr. John Hanagan and friends with Dr. Paul LeClair, 8-11 p.m. in the McCarthy Arts Center. Refreshments will be provided. It is free and open to the public.

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Thursday

- Linda Hollingdale will present a slideshow, "Crossroads Africa" in Alliot Lounge 7 p.m.
- Alliot Governing Board meeting, Greensleeves at noon.
- Special Awareness Committee meeting, Alliot Lounge 6:15 p.m.
- Social Committee meeting, Alliot Lounge, 4 p.m.

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FRIDAY

- SPRING BREAK BEGINS AFTER LAST CLASS

Monday, Feb. 23- Friday, Feb. 27: SPRING BREAK

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SUNDAY

- St. Michael's Scholars Bowl second round competition: Colchester High School vs Woodstock Union High School, 4:30 p.m., Herrouet Theatre.

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MONDAY

- Film Committee meeting, Alumni 202, 6 p.m.
Student Life meeting, Alliot Lounge, 6:30 p.m.

3

TUESDAY

- SA Meeting 7 p.m. Science hall 107

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WEDNESDAY

- SA Film committee present "Ferries Bueller's Day Off", 7 and 9 p.m., Herrouet.

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THURSDAY

- 87 Days to Graduation-Senior Class Event at NRG
- "The Origins of the United States Constitution" lecture by Gordon Wood, Ph.D., professor of history at Brown University, first of a four-part symposium on the Constitution: Changing Views of the Republic, 7:30 p.m. McCarthy Recital Hall.

- Alliot Governing Board meeting, Greensleeves at noon.
- Social Committee meeting 4 p.m. Alliot Lounge. Social Awareness committee meeting, Alliot Lounge at 6:15 p.m.

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FRIDAY

- Freshmen trip to Montreal

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SATURDAY

- Sophomore Class, "The Dating Game", 7:30 p.m. MAC

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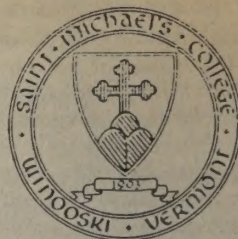
SUNDAY

- St. Michael's Scholars Bowl second round competition: Lyndon Institute vs Spaulding High School, 4:30 pm, Herrouet

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TUESDAY

- Church King of Howard Mental Health talking on drug use and abuse, 6:30 p.m. Bergeron Education Center. Sponsored by the Wellness Committee.





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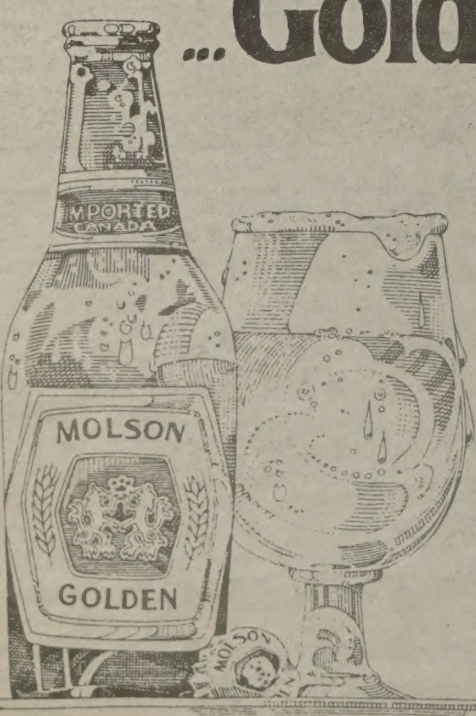
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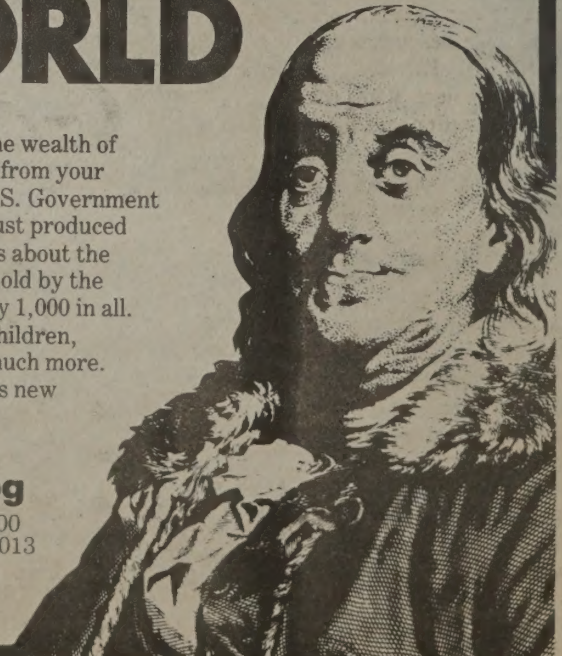


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Vermont may raise its speed limit

By Jonathan Billings

The question of the national speed limit continues to be the focus of Congressional debate in connection with the 1987 Federal Highway Bill. With the two houses of Congress passing different versions of the Federal Highway Bill, the issue is now in the hands of a conference committee.

The possibility of an increase in the speed limit exists as an amendment to the Senate's version of the highway bill. The Senate's plan would allow states to raise the speed limit on the rural sections of their highways from 55 to 65 mph. The House's version contains no provision regarding an increase in the

national speed limit.

The national speed limit was set at 55 mph in 1973 out of a concern for both energy conservation and safety.

Rep. James Jeffords, R-Vt., supports the provision regarding the speed limit in the Senate's version of the federal highway bill. This support is based primarily on Jeffords' belief in states' rights.

"In the past, Jim (Jeffords) supported the 55 mile per hour limit out of respect for the fuel supply," Scott Mackey a spokesman for Jeffords said. He felt that the situation was serious enough to pre-empt state's rights. However, now that the country no longer faces such a

serious energy crisis, he no longer feels the situation warrants pre-empting state's rights.

Vermont Republican Senator Robert Stafford, a member of the conference committee examining the bill, does not support an increase in the national speed limit. Jean Lauver, a spokeswoman for Stafford, attributed the Senator's lack of support to his conviction that "since the 55 miles per hour limit was enacted in '73, it has indeed saved lives and energy."

The work of the conference committee on the federal highway bill will not be easy. The two versions of the bill differ on a number of provisions in addition

to the national speed limit. One of these is an amendment to the House bill which would alter the formula used in calculating a state's compliance with the national speed limit. Under the current plan, 55 percent of the drivers must be obeying the speed limit in order for the state to qualify for federal highway funds. The Senate version of the bill does not carry a provision regarding such an alteration.

A possible starting point for the conference committee with regard to the speed limit question will be a suggestion offered by Rep. James Howard, D-NJ, during last year's debate of the issue. Howard proposed an increase in the national speed

limit to 65 on the condition that a mandatory seat belt law and a ban on radar detectors accompany it. This was seen as a way to increase the speed limit, preserve the increased traffic safety found under the 55 mile per hour limit, and increase compliance with the posted speed limit.

With the many differences between its two forms, the bill could be hung up in committee for quite a while.

"We are anticipating that it will be quite a difficult conference," Mackey said.

Lauver said, "If they are able to come to some agreements by March 1, they will be doing very well."

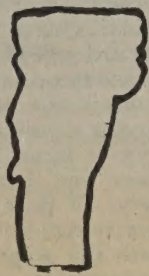
"Even with the new Landlord Tenant Act, there is nothing protecting these people from being displaced," Aileen Lachs of Vermont Tenant's Incorporated.

Burlington will soon be going "Condo"

By Patricia Coates

Housing in the city of Burlington has become a major concern for city officials and tenants. Due to an economy conducive to development, low and moderate income rental housing has become a scarce commodity in the Burlington area, as developers opt for condominium construction and conversion. With a one percent vacancy rate, options are increasingly limited for renters.

Focus of this issue has centered on Northgate Apartments, a project built under a federal low income housing subsidy. It is Vermont's largest single housing complex with three hundred thirty six units and over fifteen hundred tenants, located in the New North End. In 1988 the loan for the project may be paid off by the owners, and rent controls will expire. Observers speculate that the complex will probably be bought and converted into condominiums.



State
News

This Fall, the Burlington Affordable Housing Task Force released a study on condominium conversion in Burlington. It cited a Housing and Urban Development Department statistic that, on the average, fifty percent of the tenants whose units are converted to condos are displaced.

Burlington has witnessed a dramatic increase in condo conversion in the last five years with two hundred seventy converted units.

Ann Marie Dennis of the Northgate Tenant's Association is campaigning to save Northgate from conversion, and noted the conflict of interest between her group and the owners of the complex, Fairfield Associates:

"They said they've fulfilled their obligations to us by keeping the rents low until now."

Condominium conversion is profitable for the owner, who avoids new construction, rent, eviction, and profit contents. Yet because of the tight rental housing market and displacement of tenants, the Sanders Administration had proposed a condominium conversion ordinance to protect affordable housing units in the city.

"This ordinance would give the Tenants Association or the City the first right to purchase the units," said Dennis.

The proposal includes a four percent impact fee on the actual sale price. This would provide funds to the City to replace lost

low and moderate income housing. It also includes an extended notice period to be provided to tenants in units to be converted: four years to elderly and disabled tenants and two years for all other tenants. The right to first refusal would be given to the tenant organization or to the city.

"Even with the new Landlord-Tenant Act, there is nothing protecting these people from

being displaced," said Aileen Lachs of Vermont Tenant's Incorporated.

He and other opponents contend the ordinance would "hinder" the development process and distract new projects from the City. It could present a "legal jigsaw puzzle for the city" because of the impact fee, stated Feeley.

Senior funds to go to Durick

The 1987 Senior Class Gift is off to a great start. During the first two weeks of the campaign \$8,700 in cash and pledges have been raised. Deb Desjardins and Eugene Mclean III are co-chairing the project with the help of the class gift committee. This committee is made up of 18 seniors. Desjardins said, "the gift committee is doing a great job. They are the reason we have done so well."

The goal for this year's Senior Class Gift is to raise \$20,000 which will go toward the Durick Library Fund. The class is all ready at 40% of its goal with many pledges still coming in. Mclean said, "The class response to the gift idea has been positive. I am now looking for the class to show their support and make their pledges."

Desjardins and Mclean would like to remind the class that

Seniors who make their \$100 pledge-paid over 3 years-with the initial gift of \$10 will be eligible for the \$150 grand prize.

Plans are now underway for a class gift campaign celebration. Details will be announced at a later date.

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FROM THE EDITORS

The Defender stands by Editorial

In response to several questions asked by members of the St. Michael's community, the editorial board of *The Defender* would like to clear up misconceptions held by many of our readers.

Responses to *The Defender's* Feb. 4 editorial endorsing condom use as AIDS prevention devices have ranged from congratulations for taking a controversial issue by the horns to outright disgust. Many of our readers castigated us for writing of the Catholic church's stance on the issue, and questioned if we had the right to take such a stance.

Unfortunately, however, those who would attack us for writing such an editorial miss the point in several ways. We will not rehash our beliefs about condom use; that position is perfectly clear. What we will do is remind our readers that we are a newspaper, a student newspaper, with a responsibility to write of our positions on issues of interest to members of the St. Michael's community.

The Defender is a student-run, student-written newspaper, reflecting the opinion of the students working as editors, not of the college. We don't expect everyone to hold the same opinions, but we do expect people to recognize our right to express them.

The SMC Student Publishing Board Constitution states that no group or entity other than the college's Board of Trustees or the Student Association has the power or

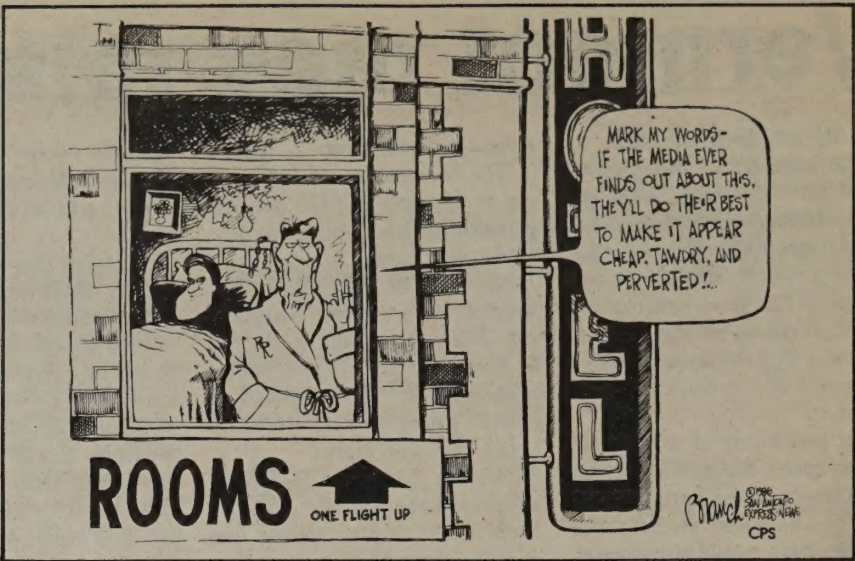
right to direct or control the editorial content of publications, including *The Defender*, or to set conditions on that content. Even those groups that are allowed to have influence on editorial content may not do so if their actions are contrary to the purposes of the Association, which include cultivating and preserving a free and responsible press on campus.

The Bylaws of the Association also say that one of the purposes of *The Defender* is to "provide a forum through which opinion, ideas and beliefs extant in the aforesaid community and surrounding area can be shared."

"Each issue of the newspaper may contain expressions of opinion prepared by individual members of the student staff or submitted by persons not affiliated with the staff, provided such expressions are related to the concerns or activities of one or more segments of the college community," the Bylaws say.

"The student staff is encouraged to take critical positions in expressions of opinion, but such opinions shall be justified by the facts," the Bylaws say.

The editors of *The Defender* believe we have responsibly met the criteria set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Student Publishing Board, and we will continue to take firm stands on issues and activities we believe are unjust, unfair or immoral.



LETTERS

Case's letter is outlandish

To the Editors,

I am writing in response to Professor Case's letter (Feb. 11, 1987). First of all, the point that he makes that the college may lose funds because of the Feb. 4 editorial is ridiculous. The Editorial page of a newspaper is a forum where a select few can present their opinions. In no way was it implied that the opinions presented in the editorial of *The Defender* were the official opinions of this institution. All objective readers of a newspaper realize this.

As for the resignation of the Editorial staff of *The Defender*, I've never heard anything so outlandish. To force the Editorial staff to

resign because they presented an opinion opposite those of the college is a totalitarian act worthy of the best dictators. To limit editorial opinions to co-incide with the dogma of the Catholic Church will greatly limit the educational growth of the college's students. The Catholic Church and the Pope are, after all not perfect, and therefore susceptible to criticism. It is these criticisms of institutions that help us to locate their weaknesses and grow as a society. To place humans above reproach will stifle the growth and progress. History gives us many examples of this, Galileo being one that comes to mind.

On the subject of condom use being moral, morality is decided by the attitudes of people and the times. With the spread of AIDS, and death due to over population, it is time we as a society re-assess our morals. We will never be able to do this objectively as long as "academians" dismiss sex as superficial. This is reality, and sex is a part of it. *Everybody* should be educated objectively on this subject to help stop the spread of diseases and help curb the over population explosion.

William Glencross

Editorial on AIDS is defiant

Dear Editors,

"The Catholic Church ... should get behind the push to advertise condoms as AIDS prevention." (Editorial, *Defender*, Feb. 4)

In my 38-years working at St. Michael's College, never have I read in the student newspaper such defiance of the teachings of the Catholic Church as portrayed in this editorial, nor defiance of the Bishop as in the editorial of October 29 on the ERA. (I

wrote a short reply which was not published.)

The Catholic Church for almost 2000 years has withstood all kinds of amoral ideas to arrive in our era still shining in all its holiness. To make any change in its teachings on the use of condoms would be to sanction the notion that the end justifies immoral means to attain that end.

The editorial writers should not have been swimming with the tide urging the

use of condoms to protect against AIDS. Instead, they should have reminded their readers of the teachings of the Catholic Church on sexuality and stressed that the need in these times is for chastity and continence.

Incidentally, it might be interesting to see in print what *The Defender's* faculty adviser had to say about this editorial.

Joseph D. Sullivan
Assistant Reference Librarian

Discussion of AIDS is right

To the Editors,

As noted in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, public health officials agree that colleges could play a crucial

role in halting the spread of the AIDS epidemic. The issue becomes, of course, even more sensitive and complex when discussed in

relation to religious stances on the related issues of birth control and pre-marital sex.

A crucial element in the face of any crisis is the existence of a safe forum for discussion. Generation upon generation has bravely challenged established mores for what was thought to be truly the best for all.

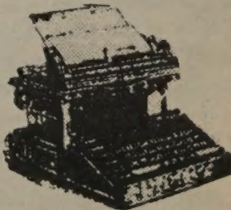
To quote a former U.S. Supreme Court Justice, "The liberty of man to search for truth ought not to be fettered, no matter what orthodoxies he may challenge. Liberty of thought soon shrivels without freedom of expression."

Tricia Turner

When writing...

The Defender welcomes letters to the editor and opinion pieces. Both should be typed doubled-spaced, signed, and must include an address and

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Looking at life from inside the grave

By Scott Fletcher

The first grave I ever dug was for the old gravedigger. He had died two days before, and since the town had no one else to do the job, one of the local priests asked me if I would help out for awhile. I had no experience with this type of work (granted, it is not something you put on your resume), but priests have a way of asking for things that make it difficult to say no. The priest said the churches would pay what they could afford, but I suppose it works out to less than a dollar an hour. In a way, I suppose, it is volunteer work.

I cannot accurately estimate how long it takes to dig a grave. It is not the sort of thing you do while timing yourself. The time varies due to the condition of the soil, the frozen earth of autumn and winter is more difficult to work with than the soft soil of spring and summer.

No one "taught" me how to dig a grave, as I said, the first grave I dug was for the old gravedigger. The priest offered a few hints and gave me general

guidelines, but for the most part, I worked things out for myself.

The first thing I do is carve up the grassy turf, cutting it into fourths and stack it aside to replace when the grave has been filled. When the ground is almost frozen, the turf slices out like ice cream cake. This gives me the outline of the grave.

After that, you just dig, being careful to throw the soil to the left of the head of the grave, where the tombstone will eventually be erected.

The most difficult part of the job is keeping the walls of the grave straight and smooth. This is not easy, sometimes there are big stones in the lining of the wall, and these must be clawed out by hand. The stones leave big holes which must be filled in.

I do not know the dimensions of the grave in feet or meters. All I know is that it is one shovel-length wide, a little less than two shovel-lengths long (this varies according to coffin size) and about one-and-a-half shovels deep. The traditional phrase is "six fee under." I suppose this is about right.

People seem genuinely surprised when I tell them I dig graves. It is not a common job for young men, I suppose. Everyone asks if I handle dead bodies. I don't, not directly, anyway. I handle the coffins, not the corpses. I know they are in there, and that is enough.

I have never understood why people spend so much money on coffins. Once the horrid thing is in the ground, you can't look at it or admire how "beautiful" or "fancy" it is. The body inside is lifeless, so it can't appreciate how "comfortable" the coffin is. The ones I like best are the plain, old-fashioned brown, wooden coffins with the screws that tighten the lid. They are cheaper, I'm told, and to me, they make more sense. If you are dead, what difference does it make how comfortable you are or how pretty your coffin is.

The first few funerals I did were educational experiences. I stand near the mound of earth, trying not to lean on my shovel and trying *very* hard to look inconspicuous. I watch the people. After the first few funerals,

it became easy to tell the mourners who felt real sorrow from the hypocrites who were there because they felt they had to come. Some people are very poor actors.

There is nothing for me to do while the religious service is being conducted. I used to listen, but I don't anymore, I don't care much for religion. Trying to be inconspicuous is difficult when you're standing by yourself, dressed shabbily and holding a shovel. The fewer people who notice me the better, for them — and me. Once the religious service is finished, sometimes a mourner, usually a spouse or parent, will toss a flower or bouquet on the casket. The priest will then give me a silent signal, usually a furtive, sidelong glance — my cue to toss a shovelful of dirt into the grave.

The sound of freshly dug earth resounding off the lid of a casket is the most despairing sound in the world, I think. This is what we all come to, a shovel-

ful of dirt on a coffin, the same sound, it makes no difference, rich, poor, young or old. The sound is always the same. The unfortunate thing is that I'm the only one close enough to hear it.

People make fun of my part-time job. I have been tagged with the usual nicknames, my friends have called me "Gravedigger" and "The Grim Reaper." I don't like hoods, though, and I don't carry a pocket scythe. As for being grim, maybe it's just that I don't see many things worth smiling about. Go to a hundred or so funerals, see the faces and hear that sound, then come show me what you smile about.

I remember my first grave, the one for the old gravedigger, very well. I remember throwing the last shovelful of earth on to the mound, leaning on my shovel and "admiring" my handiwork. I was just the right height to see over the lip of the grave. I suddenly realized I had no idea how to get out. How symbolic, I thought.

Communication is the name of the game

President Paul J. Reiss

The name of the game is "Communication." Indeed, hardly an issue or problem arises at a college wherein someone — and usually with justification — does not declare that the issue could have been resolved or the problem prevented with more adequate communication. Of course, St. Michael's is no exception even though, with a fairly small and close academic community, our communication problems should not be as severe as those at larger institutions. We cannot, however, take communication for granted.

That is where this column comes in. I thought that from time to time I might use the opportunity which the editors of *The Defender* have graciously granted me to communicate in these pages with the St. Michael's community about matters of interest or concern to you. You should be better informed about St. Michael's, not only for the interest and value it might have for you, but also because being better informed, you will be in a good position to help make St. Michael's a still better College.

What subjects might this column address? I would very much like to hear from you about that; but here are some questions I thought of addressing in forthcoming issues:

How are decisions made at St. Michael's? Who makes them?

What does a President of a College do?

What is or should be the students' role in College decisions?

How is St. Michael's related to the Catholic Church?

Who are the Edmundites?

What might we learn from the recent deaths of two students?

Who has responsibility for security on campus?

What is the SMC athletic policy? How should various other sports compare with basketball?

What is expected in teaching and scholarship of an SMC faculty member?

Why do we have a core curriculum? Should it be changed?

What is needed to improve library service?

Why do we have an AFROTC program on campus?

UVM has been declared to be a party school. What about SMC?

Will there be any further consolidation on the main campus after the classes all move there? What is to happen on the North Campus?

Will I be expected to contribute to St. Michael's as an alumnus? How soon? How much? Why?

Why does it cost so much to go to SMC? Where does the money go?

Why are applications to St. Michael's increasing?

I am sure that you could suggest other topics of even greater interest to you; I hope that you will do so. I would also hope that you will use the pages of *The Defender* and other means to let me and others know your views on these and other matters.

If communication is the name of the game, perhaps I've just tossed out the first ball.

LETTERS

Cartoon isn't wrong

To the Editors:

In reading Prof. Case's letter on the Feb. 11 editorial page, I felt urged to express my view on our Catholic school as well. Prof. Case, in having assumed the editors, The Rev. Curran and the responsible cartoonist are going to pay dearly by the wrath of God for their doings and has graciously offered his forgiveness. Thank you. Thank you so much. But then again, is freedom of choice and followings of beliefs wrong?

Yes the Pope and the policy of the Catholic Church deems birth control immoral, and the ideas of Rev. Curran incorrect. But should editors apologize, step down? How about our school's administration and staff?

When I resided in Joyce Hall along with many peers, I attended a birth control information meeting given by Health Services. Are they...satan? What about counseling services in the Student Resource Center for homosexuals who are distraught, young women who have become pregnant (not by themselves I may add)?

Are these counselors and friends really a reincarnation of the leaders of Sodom? What about gluttony? Young and old may go

to local chugging contests, but gluttony is still a sin.

There is a solution though! If we lock all doors, keep separate facilities for each individual and slip food and drink under everyone's door, then our brothers will be fine. (Our big brothers that is.)

We are in a stage of life where we must learn about life and all of the information we receive is important information. We all possess the gift of free will and maybe Roman Catholicism, to the letter is not chosen to be followed by all.

For my interpretation of our 'College's Missions and Goals', I repeatedly read the term "Christian". In practicing my Christian beliefs, as a baptized and confirmed Catholic, I love my God with all my heart, mind and soul. And, love my neighbor as myself, like Christ told me to do.

I love my God, my neighbor, and the gift of life God has given me, and if information to help those with needs or choices is wrong, then maybe a petition to create an Episcopalian school from St. Michael's beginning should begin.

Sincerely,

Michael Reilly
Christian of heart, mind,
soul and body

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LETTERS

Student at large talks

To the Editors,
I was just thinking, not that it really matters, but...

- SAGA on the North Campus has some great new artwork that lloooks simply maaa 'velous.

- No my name's not Vince or Larry: I know a guy who was driving down the highway with his sister. No drugs or alcohol were involved. People usually wonder about that. Suddenly another car slides into his lane and slams into him, head on! The force was equal to hitting a concrete wall at 70 mph (and then some.) All the odds pointed towards last rites. So what does one do in a situation like this? Pray. It worked!

- SAGA, here we go again. I ate Earnie Burgers for two or three years here, and enjoyed every cold, dried out EB I ever had. Now though I don't see them served anymore! Why? Was there some guy named Earnie we never knew, about?

- The Plastic Lizard's Project: how fitting.

- Russia is going to be using democratic measures to solve the internal problems which they brought on in the 60's and 70's. Russia and democracy in the same sentence agreeing with each other — talk about bragging rights!

- PLATOON was a powerful film depicting the experience you never want to have. War. Brutal, graphic violence, mutilation, human suffering, intense fear, hate,

deceit, revenge and a lot of death! Just once, if Ronnie Reagan played his cards wrong boys, guess where you probably wouldn't be.

- P-DAY 1987. No alcohol because a minor amount of students would be discriminated against, or they might break the law and have a drink. (Thank God none of them has done that this year.) it is time for a (n abrupt) change, this is now a social event, we're preparing for the future, there is liability involved, cliché, cliché, cliché. I understand the administration has to do what they must, but I am a student and this revolution from tradition to milk and cookies makes me want to wretch.

- finally in reference to James Case's ideal world, I mean letter last week, how about a dose of reality for this rare intellectual, moral human being. SEX! Sex is everywhere. Most kids have lost their precious virginity by 16 yrs. old. Boston schools experienced nearly a 50% drop out rate last year largely due to teen pregnancies. Would condoms have made a difference? Probably.

AIDS, it's not a pretty sight. Believe that. Condoms are the only known mechanical device that can stop the AIDS virus from spreading. So if I end up *not* getting this virus because I was immoral enough, yet responsible enough, to put on that condom, so be it. I'll still be alive. That my idealistic friend is reality! Sorry to wake you.

Paul Bostley
Student at Large

In reply to O'Shea

To the Editors,

In response to Sue O'Shea's comments in last issue, on the lack of interesting and exciting events in the 200s, we would like to broaden your horizons a bit.

- We have community, inter-townhouse sporting events such as stickball and touch football.

- We're sure you'll get a front row seat for the Winter Weekend events on the 300s field, but everyone in the 200s will be at Smuggler's.

Also, it's not who's going home with whom on Friday night, but who is slithering back to the 300s on Saturday morning.

As for social events, just because you're not invited doesn't mean there aren't any.

Sincerely,

Jessica Balboni
The 200's Community

Editorial on AIDS is OK

To the Editors,

A very strong letter appeared in the February 11th issue of *The Defender*. The letter demanded the removal of *Defender* editors' because of their position on condom use.

I disagree. God knows that his children are imperfect and he is always willing to forgive our sins. The Church feels, and rightfully so, that free sex is a sin. I petition the Church to forgive sinners and keep them alive to do so. It is tough for the Church to tell its members to use a condom if they choose to sin. It is just as tough for a parent to tell their child the same, any parent would rather have

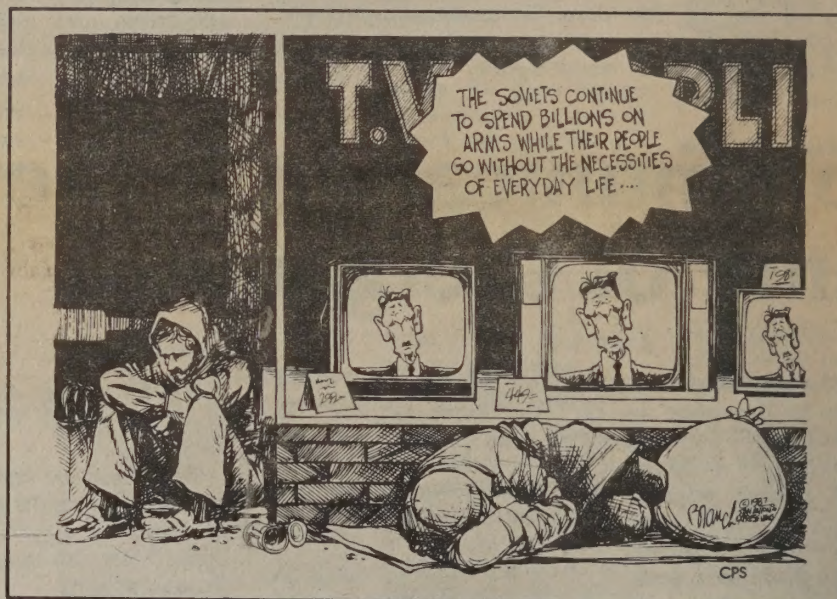
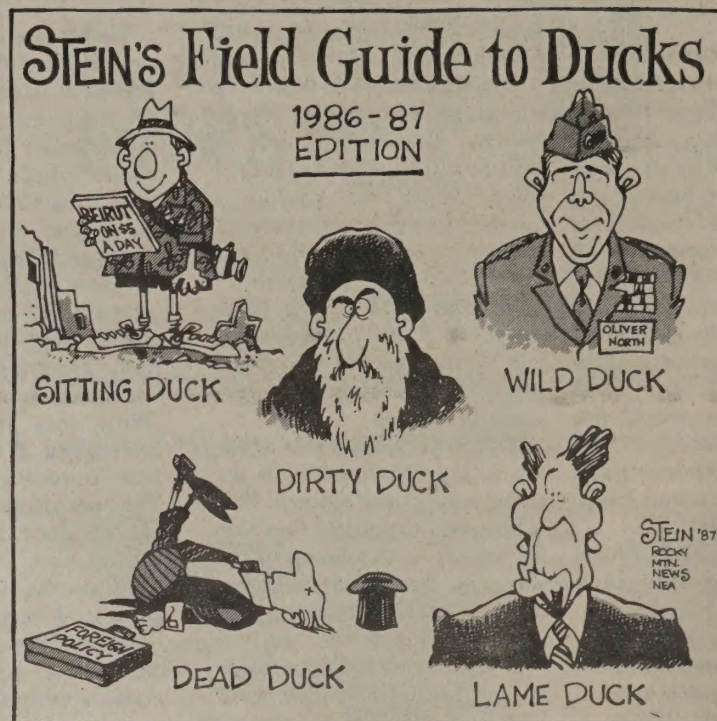
their child sin and live to be forgiven.

When the pressures of society are coupled with human nature, many often submit to society's pressures. If some are to submit to a moment of weakness, wouldn't it be a lot better if they lived to be forgiven? By supporting condom use, the Church will allow moments of weakness to pass without a fatality and hopefully keep such moments from reoccurring.

So, editors of *The Defender*, keep your positions and *Defend* them. You may save a life and a soul.

Tom Farrell

Gallery



"OH! WHY... AH... HELLO, THERE! IT'S JUST ME... HEH-HEH... WORKING LATE ON THE... ER... BUDGET DEFICIT..."

SHAC is seeking new members

By Elizabeth Dodge

There is a group on campus whose purpose is to provide input in the development and evaluation of the Health Services. They call themselves SHAC, the Student Health Advisory Committee.

At present, SHAC is made up of mostly seniors, but is hoping to spread the word that the following positions will be available for next year: 2 Freshmen, 2 Sophomore, 2 Junior, 1 Senior, and 1 ISP student. Anne Bergeron, a member of the Health Services

staff and coordinator of SHAC, says they are looking for students interested in health and wellness, as well as improving the health services. She also noted that being a member of an advisory committee during college will broaden your practical experience and enable you to apply your communication skills in a concrete way, as well as helping to develop your organizational and leadership skills.

The committee meets at least twice a semester and discusses such things as the quality of care

provided by nurses at health services, health care needs of students, student awareness of health services policies and programs. Basically, SHAC works to provide communication and feedback between the student body and the health services administration. SHAC members are asked their opinion and to solicit other student's opinions regarding various topics.

Present members of SHAC include seniors Mark Davitt, Rebecca Dery, Kara Fitzgerald, Mary MacDonald, Monique

Marcoux, Brendon Sullivan, Jean Thomas, Alison Tripp, and Carolina Vigorita.

So far this year they have been involved in various activities including the Great American Smokeout for which they set up a booth in Alliot and provided apples and gum to all those who participated. They also listened to a preview speech by Barry Wentworth before he appeared in front of the student body to speak about AIDS. In an attempt to promote sexual awareness and its possible consequences, SHAC designed doorknob flyers

and distributed them throughout campus housing.

Interested students should contact the Health Services to arrange an interview. Membership guidelines include having an interest in health and wellness, a grade point average of 2.0 or greater, an interest in improving campus services, and the ability to communicate with others to collect information and share it. Members shall serve on the committee for a term of at least one academic year, and are asked to send a substitute if unable to attend any SHAC meeting.

Court to decide fate of "lab" papers

HAZELWOOD, MO. (CPS) — The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear a case that will, by the time it's concluded, clarify just how much control administrators have over college and high school "laboratory" newspapers.

journalism observers say, will affect what hundreds of high school papers and "many" college papers published as "for-credit" classes can print, predicts Mark Goodman, director of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Some worry that if the court,

which is due to issue its ruling by July, 1988, expands officials' power over editorial content in lab papers, extracurricular papers may feel the pinch next.

The current case began in 1983, when Hazelwood East High School Principal Robert Reynolds excised two stories from the school's lab paper.

Reynolds says he was worried a story about teen pregnancy would seem to condone the sexual norms of the pregnant girls interviewed, and that a story about divorce gave parents of divorced kids no opportunity to respond.

Reynolds claimed both stories could lead to lawsuits if the sources could be identified through their comments.

Three student reporters sued, claiming the school had abridged

their First Amendment rights.

A federal district court okayed the censorship because it was part of a class project, as opposed to an extracurricular activity or public forum for students.

A federal appeals court later ruled for the students, saying the paper was guaranteed the same First Amendment rights of any other publication.

In last January, the Supreme Court agreed to make a final decision in the case.

"We're not trying to be adversarial in taking this to the Supreme Court; we just need to know," says Hazelwood school Superintendent Dr. Thomas Lawson.

"The school district wants to know who is responsible for curriculum. Are participants going to be responsible or

administrators? And the students want to know how much freedom they'll have in writing articles in what is considered a 'laboratory' paper."

Goodman hopes that's all the decision would do.

"It would most affect papers that are school-related as class activities," he explains. "But regarding non-classroom-related college papers, administrators could start thinking, 'Why limit control to only class activities when extracurricular papers also are related to the educational mission?'"

A ruling for the administration also could dangerously change students' perceptions of a free press and freedom of expression, adds one student press expert.

Rescue Blotter

By Chris Sariego

1-31-87 7:53 p.m. Rescue responded to Winooski for an 87-year-old male patient with "squeezing chest pains" that was radiating to both arms. The patient stated that the pain began two days previously after he had climbed four flights of stairs. The patient was on some medications, and had some difficulty breathing. He was given oxygen en route to the hospital.

2-03-87 11:25 a.m. Rescue transported a one-day-old baby from Medical Center Hospital of Vermont Intensive Care Nursery to the Burlington International Airport for transportation to Boston. The patient was previously transported by rescue from Plattsburgh to Medical Center for heart surgery.

2-03-87 8:56 p.m. Rescue responded to Exit 12 of Interstate 89 for a 20-year-old male

patient who had been standing by the road and struck by a car going 55 miles per hour. The patient hit the car's windshield and was thrown 20 feet. The patient's boot was found 50 feet from the site. The patient had no recall of the accident, and suffered from lacerations to his forehead, and sides of his head. The patient also had a fracture to his right leg.

2-03-87 5:34 p.m. Rescue responded to Winooski for a 42-year-old female involved in a two-car motor vehicle accident. The patient was wearing her seat-belt had a bruise over her right eye. She denied pain to her neck, or back, and had full recall of the accident. The patient was immobilized as a precaution for her spine.

2-04-87 4:17 p.m. Rescue transported a one-day-old male patient with back pain from Fanny Allen Hospital to Medical Center Hospital of Vermont. The patient was backboarded to immobilize his

spine.

2-04-87 6:35 p.m. Rescue responded to the City Drug Store in Essex for a 16-year-old female patient who had passed out. The patient's co-workers stated that she was feeling tired and sick that day. The patient was given oxygen and an I.V. was started during transport.

2-04-87 6:28 p.m. Fire responded to Essex for a fully involved structure fire. Smoke had vented through the roof, revealing flames through all the stories of the building. SMC tapped a hydrant, supplying water to all the fire apparatus at the scene. The fire was extinguished in roughly forty-five minutes.

2-05-87 1:53 a.m. Rescue responded to Hinesburg for a 42-year-old male patient with an insulin reaction. The patient's skin was flushed, he had slurred speech and was disoriented. An I.V. was started en route, after which the patient became more alert and stated he felt much better.

Registration fee...

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have not paid by March 1 will still be allowed to meet and choose classes. However, their form will not be sent through the computer processor.

Students unable to pay the \$200 by March 1 for financial should discuss the matter with

the Treasurers Office.

The Treasurers Office will issue a list of those students that may participate in room draw.

If a student should change his or her mind about returning to St. Michael's, the entire \$200 will be returned if the school is notified before June 15.

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features

The many lives of Dr. Dameron

By Sara-Jeanne Stanzione

Professor George Dameron said he sometimes feels as though he's led three or four separate lives. He spent three years in West Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, earned a doctorate in history at Harvard graduate school, pursued European history studies, teaches at St. Michael's College, and is studying 12-14 century Italian history, with plans to travel to Italy next year.

"I look at myself as both a teacher and a professional historian. The two really go together," he said. He teaches a cross of history and economic classes and a European English course with Professor Marquess. Dameron said he finds the material fascinating and interesting. He said there are "vast concentrations of economic power in social internal structure," and he wants to convey to his classes that issues of history apply to today's world.

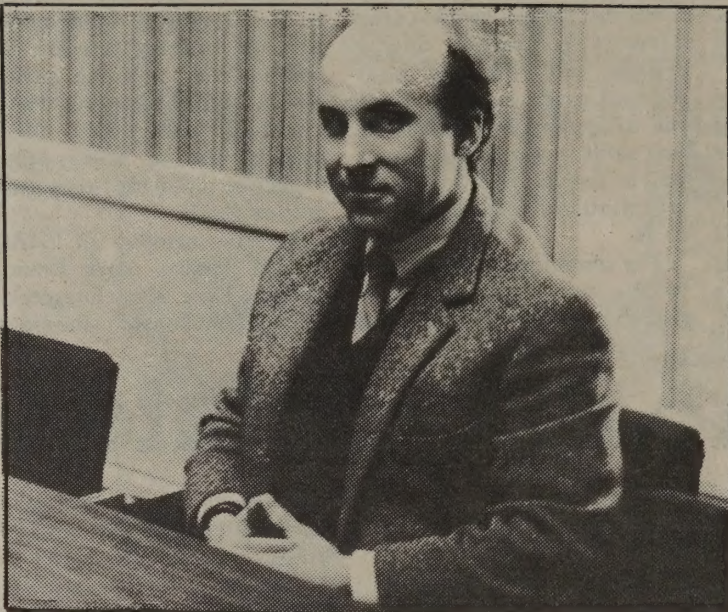
Dameron attended Duke University from 1971 to 1975, graduating without a particular career goal. One of his postgraduate choices was volunteer work in the Peace Corps. Although he wanted to go to Afghanistan, Dameron was offered agricultural development volunteer work in West Africa. Give five days to decide, he left the United States to spend three years in the People's Republic of Benign. Along with two other volunteers, he was to train West African agricultural extension agents to build grain silos and treat the grain to prevent loss of supply from mold or insects.

Dameron noted that 50 to 80 percent of the grain was previously lost due to these circumstances. "I was very happy in West Africa but became very frustrated," Dameron said the project was not well thought out by the Peace Corps and said, "Basically we were free labor, doing the work instead of training."

Dameron developed an interest in European history during his third year in the Peace Corps. He said he wanted to teach European history and culture and contribute to the knowledge of the period from the 11-14 Century. Four months before his volunteer years were over, there was a coup d'etat in the People's Republic of Benign, and Dameron said he chose to return to the United States. Dameron commented on the difficulty he has separating his present life from his three years in West Africa. He said in the Peace Corps, "your criteria for normality seems so far and distant."

Deciding to attend graduate school, Dameron studied at Harvard from 1977 to 1983, earning a doctorate in history. He came to teach at St. Michael's College, where he is now Assistant Professor of Humanities.

Dameron is pursuing an interest in 12th to 14th century history of Italian peasantry. He said his interest was provoked by an adviser and Italian historian at Harvard. Dameron said his studies include the nature of social and economic life in Tuscany, Italy. Expressing his fascination for the country, Dameron remarked he has been living in



The traveller/professor George Dameron will soon venture to his latest country of interest, Italy. (photo by Sybil Milo)

Italy off and on for 1½ years for the last five to six years.

Dameron said within the next year, he hopes to complete a book he has been working on. The book consists of his graduate school dissertations concentrating on the economic and social history of the Florence Diocese. Dameron commented on today's literary interest of the social and economic history of the church of Florence from 1100 to 1600, an issue which he said has previously been ignored. Dameron said he plans to write another book dealing with the social conflict of the peasant community in Northern Italy.

Outside of his profession, Dameron said American foreign policy is of great interest to him. He said he grew up during the

Vietnam War "feeling absolutely horrified at what this country was doing." Commenting on his feeling of alienation from American political culture, he recalled his disbelief of America's actions during the war, questioning if the United States was on the right side. He related his feelings to the movie "Platoon," saying it shows a "cynical appreciation and understanding of war as destructive of not only a Vietnamese society but also of the American soul."

Dameron is a man with an enriched past, destined for an equally fulfilling future. His interests have brought him to different corners of the world, giving him great knowledge that he in turn is eager to share with others.

Dameron may take fellowship

By David Ferrigno

Dr. George Dameron will tentatively take a leave of absence to write and research in a fellowship program in Florence, Italy. His plans are not finalized at this time.

Dameron is one of ten Americans and Europeans chosen to participate in the fellowship at the Harvard Center for Renaissance Studies at the Villa I Tatti in Florence.

If Dameron's leave of absence is granted, he will miss the 1988-89 school year. He will spend a total of nine months in Florence, which he said will "clearly enhance my teaching when I get back."

During the fellowship, Dameron will finish the last draft of his book titled *Episcopal Lordship And Social Conflict In The Diocese Of Florence: 1000-1351*. The book will discuss the "economic interests of the bishops of Florence."

Dameron will also begin a second book on the social and economic aspects of the church in Florence during the late 13th and early 14th Centuries.

In addition to writing and researching, Dameron will give two lectures while in Florence. He said that he wants to "contribute to historical knowledge (of Florentine history)."

Dameron considers himself a "teacher and professional historian of European history and culture." He said that he wants to "explore the possibility" of having a summer school class in Florence offered to St. Michael's students. The course would be coupled with another course and cover the art, social, and economic aspects of Florentine history from 1200-1600.

Dameron received the fellowship 2 years ago but was unable to attend because of family reasons. He re-applied this year and was accepted a second time.

Jazz Ensemble tour begins tonite

By Patricia Coates

The Wind and Jazz Ensembles will kick off a spring schedule tonight in McCarthy Arts Center. The second annual Jazz Night will delight the audience with the sounds of Count Basie, Thelonius Monk, Miles Davis, and Glenn Miller to name but a few.

Bringing these classic tunes is a gander of musical talent, including Middlebury College's "Sound Investment" Wind and Jazz Ensemble, the Middlebury Jazz Quintet, and SMC Wind and Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Sextet. Special appearances include ed jazz pianist Dr. John Hannagan and Friends, as well as director, Dr. Paul LeClair.

Organizers suggest arriving early for the 8 p.m. concert, a traditional crowd-packer. Jazz Night is free and open to the public. Donations will go to the Burlington Emergency Food Shelf.

Jazz Night kicks off a full season of concerts for the Wind and Jazz Ensemble. The group will begin its spring tour throughout New England for different alumni chapters. The tradition was begun by those alumni who just could not get enough when they were here. One chapter even offered to pay all the expenses for the group to go and



Sax players Robert Loyot, Kristy Maher, jazz director Dr. Paul LeClair, Amy Urban, John Baltzer form the frontal attach of the Jazz and Wind Ensemble, playing tonight in Alliot.

play in New Jersey.

"No matter what kind of group we begin with in the fall Doc's infectious energy always ends up creating a terrific ensemble," said senior principle trumpet, Michael Carrese.

The host of spring concerts should be ample test. On Friday, March 6 at McCarthy Arts Center, the Wind and Jazz Ensemble will be playing a benefit concert for St. Francis School.

The Annual Spring Alumni Concert Tour begins on March 12 at Mount Saint Joseph in

Rutland, Vermont, and continues at St. Joe's Central High School in Pittsfield, MA, Bays Inn in Newton, MA, and finally at the Sheraton Tobacco Valley Inn in Windsor, CT. Musical selections for the tour will include Gustav Holst, Gordon Jacob, Clare Reundmand, Bach, etc.

Dr. Paul "Doc" LeClair, director of the group, has ample confidence in its ability. "The students do a marvelous job for only practicing together once a week. They come in with a lot of

interest." The SMC Wind and Jazz Ensemble is unique because it is open to anyone, not just Fine Arts majors, who are willing to work.

And work it has. Standing ovations are not a rare sight for the group. It is also not uncommon that the Spring Tour generates interest in St. Mike's for prospective students.

Meanwhile, the Ensemble, Sextet and guests put on their best Jazz sounds here tonight. Jazz Night — get in the mood because you won't want to miss it.

A disease cured by graduation

By Matthew Engels

Along with the warmer temperatures that will be appearing on the campus of St. Michael's College, so will a strange phenomenon that afflicts most of the senior class. This strange illness usually appears in spring of senior year and goes by the name of "Senioritis."

"I went through it last year," said Kristine di Cicco, '87. "I was living with seniors at the time, so I got it over with before my senior year."

Victims of the illness complain of strange urgings to go out and ski at Sugarbush for a whole week. Others admit to have wild cravings to ask their

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AIDS is a rare disease for college students

By Liz White

A male college student in a rural state has a greater chance of being hit by a train than contracting Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, according to the United States Statistical Yearbook. Female college students have an even lower incidence of AIDS, the report said.

The reason for this is unknown, but probably due to the lack of exposure to high risk groups, according to the Vermont State Human Services. Vermont has the third lowest incidence of AIDS in the U.S. The state has had only nine cases but there have been eight deaths related to the disease.

Debra Kutziko of the Vermont Human Services Department said, the main reason for the low incidence is because AIDS is a contagious disease, which spreads quicker in large cities, which Vermont does not have.

Nationally, there have been 16,481 deaths related to AIDS as of January 5, 1987, according to the Centers for Disease Control. AIDS lowers the body's resistance to infections and when exposed to a virus, the body has no natural defenses. AIDS victims usually contract one of

two types of the disease; either a rare skin cancer normally found in men over 65 or a rare form of pneumonia.

About 90 percent, or 15,387 of the people who have died from AIDS were homosexual men or intravenous drug users, according to the Centers for Disease Control. AIDS is most commonly spread through sex and sharing a needle with an infected person. The use of condoms is being promoted as a way to prevent the spread of the disease.

A common fear that AIDS is caused through blood transfusions is unfounded according to the American Red Cross. It accounts for less than 1 percent of the people with AIDS.

The majority of people with AIDS die about a year or two after being diagnosed. A drug ATZ, which can delay the death by a year or eighteen months, has been approved by the Federal Drug and Food Administration for limited testing.

HEALTH PAGE

Students vulnerable to sexual diseases

By Chris Capossela

The most common fallacy concerning Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) is "It won't happen to me." In fact, it can. Over 10 million Americans contract a STD every year. Eight and a half million of those who contract a STD are between the ages of 15 and 30. This makes college students especially vulnerable.

Many forms of STDs exist. AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is presently the more publicized. AIDS is the most dangerous STD because it can be fatal. Those who develop severe symptoms of AIDS are likely to die. Fifty-six percent of identified AIDS patients in the U.S. have died from AIDS-related complications, according to statistics from the American Social Health Association. Deaths result from AIDS mainly because AIDS weakens the body's immune system, which then cannot fight off other diseases and infections.

Other common, less fatal forms of STDs are Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Genital Herpes.

According to Jane Campbell, director of Health Services at St. Michael's, Chlamydia is the most common STD among college students nationwide. Chlamydia is contracted like most sexual diseases, as germs are passed during intimate physical contact, usually sexual intercourse.

Genital Herpes can affect an individual for a lifetime. It is a virus and cannot be cured. The initial infection may go away but lapses are common. A lapse can be triggered by something like stress, or fatigue.

contracted by contact with toilet seats and by sleeping in an affected person's bed. Campbell said these diseases are mostly contracted through sexual intercourse. She said another common method of transmission is from a pregnant mother to the developing fetus. The consequences for the infant born with a sexual disease range from neurological damage to pneumonia.

There are ways to reduce the risk of contracting a STD. The most obvious method is abstinence. Campbell said abstinence is the only 100 percent safe way. But for those who choose to engage in sexual relations, precautions can be taken.

The first is to use a condom.

When used properly, the condom is among the best preventive measures that can be used.

The number of sexual partners should be limited to lessen the likelihood of contracting a disease. Self-observation is another way. If a partner has rashes or sores, he/she may have an infectious STD. Soap and water after contact can prevent the spread of germs. Some germs may be flushed out by urinating after contact.

Campbell said Health Services has a wide variety of information concerning STDs and other sexual concerns.

All care is confidential, she said.

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"You feel like you're half in and half out of school," said Scott Lewis, another victim of the affliction. "You feel lazy and preoccupied with other things than school."

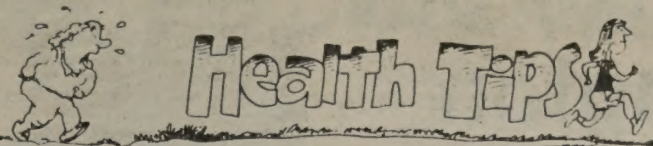
Most seniors said the illness prompts them to think about job hunting in the next few months, while others said they were just planning to "hang out"

for a while.

"It fills me with a dire urge to sleep," Robert Lamson said. "I just want to play in my band, and have a good time."

"I find myself procrastinating a lot," Mike Luoma said. "So I end up getting less done than I would like."

While most seniors complain of different symptoms, all agree on one thing about senioritis: it's a pleasurable experience.



Health Tips

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When the weather gets cold, bundle up. Don't forget to protect your ears, nose and toes. These are the most common sites of frostbite.

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- Handle the area of frostbite gently AND do not massage it

Assertiveness can help prevent rape

By Diane Marty

"One out of three women can be expected to be raped in their lifetime."

This was a fact brought up in the Rape Prevention Workshop sponsored by the Women's

Resource Committee. Eliza Anderson and Jennifer Grant from the Women's Rape Crisis Center in Burlington spoke to St. Michael's students on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

The main points stressed in the presentation were that most rapes are acquaintance or "date" rapes and that assertiveness can help prevent rapes from occurring.

The presentation started with a video of a hypothetical situation that led to an acquaintance rape, and was followed by a discussion.

Anderson brought up a point that was in Peggy Reeves' book *Rape and Inequality*: Low incidences of rape occur in cultures where women are respected and have influence in the community. Women's work is respected and they participate in the government and religion.

High incidences of rape occur in cultures where violence is tolerated and men and boys are encouraged to be tough and competitive. Men have special political importance and they gather in places off limits to women. In these cultures women and their work are not respected.

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Stress should not be ignored

By Tony Flanagan

The accumulation of Vermont's intense cold, midterms, assignments, and everyday problems can lead to a harmfully stressful situation, but this can be avoided.

Eating balanced meals, getting about 7-8 hours of sleep a night, exercising and simply doing some activity besides work are the keys to coping with stress. "Sometimes it's just a matter of restructuring your lifestyle," said St. Michael's nurse Jane Campbell.

Becoming overstressed is defined as losing control of one's life and in some cases, contemplating ending it.

Although suicide attempts are rare at St. Michael's, Campbell said, any statement or action hinting toward suicide should be taken seriously. Even if somebody does not directly say they are overstressed, a drastic change in character can signify stress. There is no singular definite sign of becoming overstressed, "people can be hyperactive or they can withdraw," Campbell said. Changes in attitude and increased drug or alcohol use also can be signs of stress, according to Campbell.

Sometimes, an overstressed person wants to talk about their problem but they are unintentionally ignored by friends who do not take them seriously. Sometimes these people attempt suicide.

If a friend outwardly says something like "life isn't worth living," friends should not regard this as a casual complaint.

"Don't cover this (comment) up," said Jim Morgan, a social worker at Medical Center Hospital of Vermont. "You should seek professional help for a friend and take it seriously. Even if the friend gets angry, you should seek help so at least they

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APB "funks out" in Burlington

By Dave Davoren

Funk from Scotland? All I could think of was funkmaster George Clinton wearing a kilt and playing the bagpipes, but low and behold it does exist. It exists in the form of a Scottish band called APB, and yes they can play funk, or at least their own special raved-up version of it, consisting of funk with a hard rock edge.

The Scottish sextet was in Burlington Feb. 11 for their show at Border. Despite having to overcome an air of unfamiliarity with the sizeable crowd, they were able to warm the temperature of a few dancing shoes and display the talent that enabled them to headline two shots at New York City's The Ritz.

This Aberdeen, Scotland based band began as a trio

playing Euro-punk disco and now has emerged to make a major dent in the college radio and progressive music club scene.

Their Tuesday night 65-minute show highlighted material from their two albums, *Something to Believe In* and their new EP *Missing You Already*. They put a heavy emphasis on, as one song appropriately says, "Danceability."

Their only "slow" number of the night was strangely enough titled, "Is the Music Loud Enough?" But with the rhythm section of bassist Glen Roberts, drummer George Cheyne and percussionist Mike Craighead providing the backdrop for the shattering vocals and guitar work of Iain Slater, APB proved you don't have to be from Detroit to funk out.



Iain Slater (pictured above) and his Scottish-based band APB delighted Border crowd with their "funk 'n' roll" (photo by Sybil Milo)

Students to aid children in NY

By Megan McKeever

Not all St. Michael's students will be following the path to the sun or slopes for this year's spring break. Five seniors have chosen to spend their vacation at Covenant House, a shelter for homeless children in New York City.

Father Steve Hornat will lead the group consisting of Polly Cheney, Joe Haley, Dave Hill, Robert Minogue, and Kathy Sullivan.

The group will fly to New York on Feb. 21, and will stay at the shelter. This is St. Michael's second year with the program, and SMC is the only college in a "live-in" volunteer program, Hornat said.

After one day of orientation, Hornat said the students will be directly involved in social work. Calling parents and interviewing the "newest members" are just some of the duties, he said.

The women will work with teenage mothers and their children, and the men will work in a group home associated with the shelter. The home is for a selected group of older individuals, to prepare them to live on their own.

"It is an immediate facility for street kids. It is somewhere for them to sleep, be fed and clothed," Hornat said. The children, up to the age of 21, are allowed to stay as long as they want, but many tend to leave after a few days.

"There is so much discipline, you can't get them to stay long enough for rehabilitation," Hornat said. "Success comes when you find a kid who wants to change and is willing to work."

Besides offering 24-hour emergency service, the shelter offers legal, health, and counseling services, as well as educational and job-training assistance.

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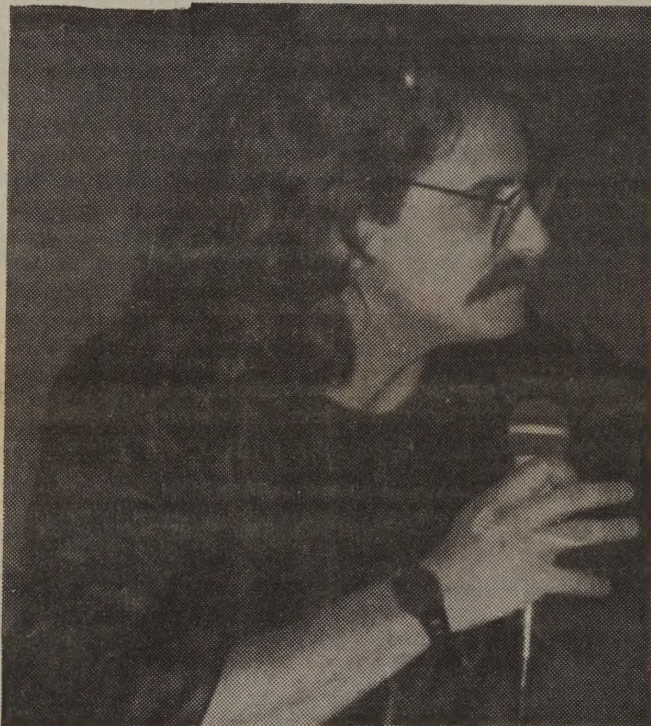
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Comedians entertained a crowd at McCarthy this Winter Weekend. (photo by Mike Henderson)

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Prevention

One of the first things to know about prevention is that there is no way to prevent yourself from being raped. You can only know what the right things to do are.

- Be more aware in a dating situation. You have the right to set sexual limits.

- Take action when things begin to happen on a date that you do not want. It's OK to be rude to someone who is sexually pressuring you.

- Use common sense; lock the door to your room and ask for the ID of service men who come to the door.

What to do if Attacked

- Assess the situation, where can you go, if you can run away.

- Be prepared to act violently, 80 percent of victims who fight back will get away.

- Try to talk your way out of it, pretend you are crazy, lie; say anything. However, begging gives the attacker power.

- In a life threatening situation a choice must be made. Submitting does not mean consent, people who do not resist should never feel guilty. Remember it is the rapist who committed the crime.

Facts on Rape

Rape is a violent crime for power, not for sexual gratification.

- Burlington has as many rapes per capita as New York City.

- Most rapists are not mentally ill. They are usually members of the victim's community. Rapists can't be pinpointed.

- In a pole of college age students, 15 percent of the males admitted to rape and 52 percent said they would rape if they knew they wouldn't get caught.

- Seven out of ten rapes of college students happen in a dating situation.

Stress... Cont. from pg. 9

will know you care and that you believe what they say."

Creating a "secure environment" is vital for helping a person with suicidal feelings. The best thing a friend can do for a person is "just to be there," Campbell said, "you shouldn't try to solve the problem, be supportive and seek professional help elsewhere." In speaking

to a professional, people not only receive support, but they receive support from a knowledgeable person and they will feel a sense of relief, Campbell said.

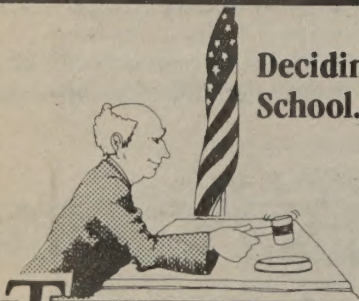
"Stay away from telling a person 'you really don't want to (kill yourself)' because they may think you don't understand and they will abandon seeking

help, Morgan said.

Resident Assistants and Resident Directors are trained to create a supportive environment for those thinking of suicide, but all personal counseling is left to the professionals. Counselors from the Student Resource Center and Student Life are on call 24 hours, Campbell said.

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Platoon an explicit look into Vietnam War

By Chris Sariego

Two words about the movie *Platoon*: see it. *Platoon* is the best Vietnam film ever made. As long lines and capacity crowds at Burlington's Nickelodeon Movie Theatre will testify, this is a film of rare quality.

It is a Vietnam movie written and directed by a Vietnam vet. It is a grunt's (footsoldier's) view of "the Nam." No flags. No parades. No John Wayne and the Green Berets. Only body bags, mud, biting insects, and very young men very far from home.

Chris (Charles Sheen), who left college for the war, is the film's conscience and narrator. As the plot progresses, we share Chris's experiences, and make the transition with him from misplaced idealism to bitter knowledge of war. Chris arrives at this knowledge through a series of battles. One is a fight between the Americans and the North Vietnamese Army. The other is a pitting of Americans against themselves. The second battle is personified in two sergeants, sergeant Barnes (Tom Berenger), the brave but ruthless killing machine, and sergeant Elias (William DeFoe), who is equally brave, but has a conscience. The platoon divides between the two factions, and only unites after one of the sergeants is destroyed by the other.

In pointing to the struggles between Americans, the film's writer and director, Oliver Stone, presents an interesting point: who were we really fighting in Vietnam? Could it have been ourselves?

Platoon's creator (like the movie's Chris) felt that he was missing the war of his genera-



tion. He dropped out of Yale and arrived in Vietnam in 1967, 21 years old and ready for action. By the time he left in 1968 he had been wounded twice and received a Bronze Star. Stone came to the same conclusion that Chris came to in *Platoon*; the glamor of war was gone.

Seven years later, after entering filmmaking (and winning an Oscar for "Midnight Express") he wrote *Platoon*. No American company would finance the film and it stayed on the shelf until Stone's success with "Salvador".

Platoon was finally financed by a British company, Hemdale, and was shot in the Philippines in seven weeks for six million dollars. This film was meant to be realistic, so much so that the

entire cast was subjected to a two-week boot camp before actual filming took place.

In the film's opening scene, the fresh recruits, dressed in crisp, clean fatigues, step off the plane and gaze about in a dazed fashion. Their first sight on the steaming runway are piled body bags, being made ready for shipment back to the United States. Absorbed in the sight of their first dead, they look up at the lovebead-wearing veterans who saunter by in tattered, faded uniforms. "You're gonna love The Nam, man," they say with a smile, "You're gonna love The Nam."

Are you going to love it? Find out by seeing "Platoon".

Skiing or studying, an easy choice in Vermont

By Karen Brown

"To ski or not to ski" is a question many St. Michael's students ask themselves on sunny weekday mornings. No quizzes no tests, and friends who take good notes are three positive aspects that make the ski slopes look better and better.

It seems immediately after students return from Thanksgiving, there is snow on the ground and an enormous change in their sense of priorities. No longer is that 12:50 Friday class important enough to say no to a friend offering an invitation for a three-day ski weekend. Even taking that test you have been studying for all week seems unimportant when buckets of snow fall the night before. So what makes students drop everything just for a day of skiing?

Eric Pirone said, "When I registered for classes this semester, I had it planned so I would be able to ski in the afternoon. As it worked out I didn't get the classes at the times I wanted, so occasionally on a nice day I am going to blow off my afternoon classes to ski. Hopefully with next year's new schedule, everyone will be able to get the schedule they want and there will be no need to blow off class."

Students such as Pirone plan their entire second semester around the sport of skiing. These people have their schedules worked out so they are out of class by at least 12:00 every day, especially on Fridays for those ever-popular ski weekends. In each of their classes they have friends who will gladly let them borrow notes

that they missed, and who will back up excuses made to the professors as to why the homework wasn't passed in on time. Some of these people live to ski, and not much will stop them from heading to the slopes.

Valerie Murphy said "I figure this is a liberal arts college and skiing is pretty liberal, so if I keep up on my arts I'm all set."

In New England skiing is a way of life. Many of St. Michael's students were drawn to Vermont because of the fact it is located in the heart of the ski kingdom. To these people the slim chance of a slight drop in the grade point average during the second semester is only a small price to pay for three or four great months of skiing.

After wanting to find a program to get students involved in voluntary experience, Hornat said he got involved with Covenant House through Philip Spina, an alumnus of St. Michael's and vice president of financial affairs at the shelter. The trip is only open to seniors, and to the first five that show interest.

offered jobs paying up to \$20,000, to individuals who have completed the program.

Referring to last year's experience, Hornat said, "After two days the kids really warmed up to us when they found out we had given up our vacations for them. They are just kids that want to be loved, they are craving for a relationship."

Covenant... Cont. from pg. 10

Of the children that choose to stay at Covenant House, there are programs such as the "Rights of Passage Program," which is a one-year program that teaches how to manage money, run a household, and it guarantees a job on completion of the program. Fortune 500, a consolidation of major corporations, has an agreement with Covenant House, and has

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You won't meet a single person; you're scum.

LEO (July 23-August 22): Beware, you will be locked in a room with five Giant fans, drinking Gatorade.

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SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Don't run in the hall with scissors.

SAGITARIUS (November 22-December 21): When you use Q-Tips, just go around the outside of the ear.

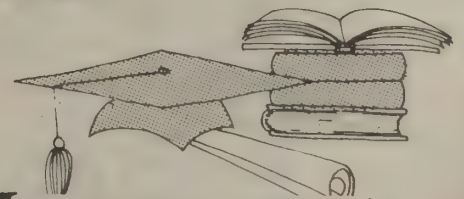
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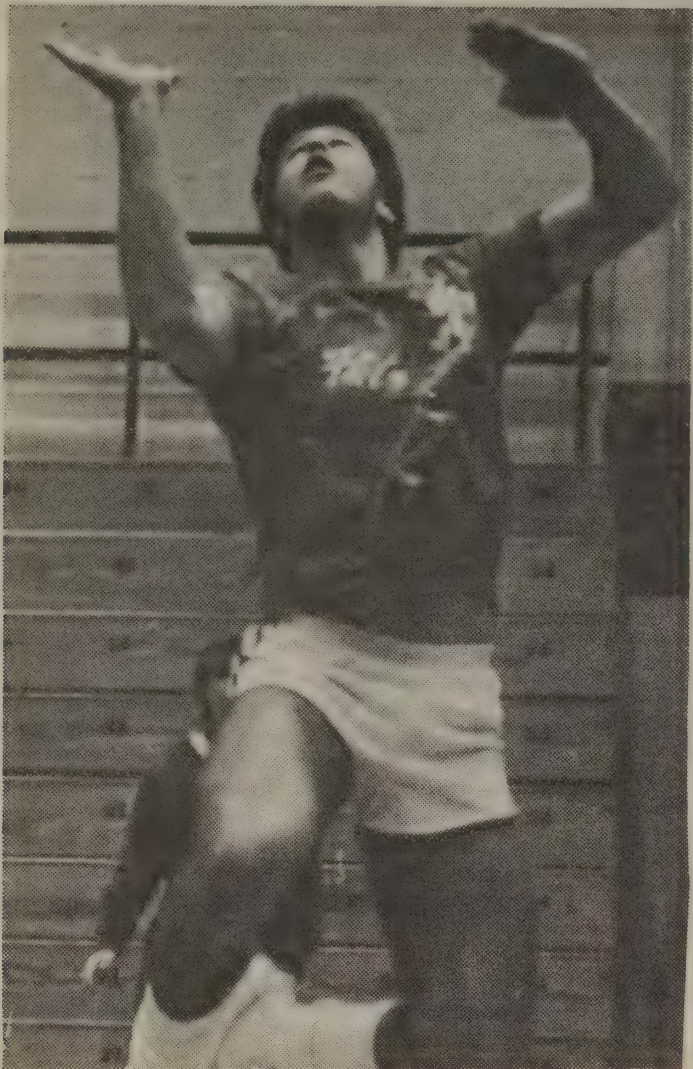
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Eating well is key to good health



During the long winter months, SMC students should do their best to get as much exercise as possible. (photo by Cynthia Robertson)

By Cassy Phares

Hangovers, acne and the common cold may all be prevented by eating the right foods. But, many students fail to get the proper nutrition.

"Nutrition and sleep are the biggest elements of being healthy — people who eat right don't get those bugs," said Anne Bergeron, resident nurse and health educator at St. Michael's College.

"Lifestyles are an important aspect to eating right, at college everyone is on the go," said Bergeron. When people lead hectic lifestyles, meals are rushed and sometimes completely missed.

Some of the poor eating habits students have may be attributed to lack of knowledge. "People who eat at Saga have a lot of choices, but they have to be informed to make the 'healthy choice'," said Bergeron. For example, at lunch people have to know to pick the apple as opposed to potato chips.

According to a pamphlet entitled, "Nutrition and Your Health", printed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, eating a wide variety of foods is helpful in remaining healthy. Fruits and vegetables contain vitamins C and A. Meats supply the body with fat, protein and iron, as well as other vitamins. Breads

and cereals provide B-vitamins, energy and iron. Dairy products give the body calcium.

According to an article written by Brian L.G. Morgan, M.D. and Roberta Morgan in *Family Circle* entitled, "The Amazing Power of Food", the human body synthesizes food substances known as neurotransmitters. These substances relay messages to the brain which affect people's moods, appetite and personality. Too little of the neurotransmitter, norepinephrine, makes a person depressed and lethargic. Norepinephrine is made from the amino acid, tyrosine, which is found in high-protein foods. For example, lean meat, milk, fish, eggs and cheese.

When it comes to exam time, students should eat plenty of fish, dairy products, grains, liver and vegetables. These contain choline, which help make acetylcholine, a brain chemical that helps people remember new information.

Exams cause stress, which makes the body less able to use protein. According to the article in *Family Circle*, eating more lean meat, milk and fish helps to replace lost protein.

Acne is caused by a deficiency of vitamin A. So by eating more foods with vitamin A, or by taking a multivitamin supplement, acne can be helped.

During the weekend many students are plagued with hangovers. Drinking fruit juice will relieve the effects of raising blood levels of sugar and minerals. Drinking strong coffee helps muscle aches and fatigue. Eating bland foods such as hard boiled eggs relieves excess acid.

But, according to the pamphlet, "Nutrition and Your Health", drinking large amounts of alcohol should be avoided. Alcohol is low in nutrients and high in calories. Heavy drinkers may lose their appetites for foods containing essential nutrients. Alcohol also alters the absorption rate of those essential nutrients.

Eating habits have a large part to play in how healthy people are. If people eat healthy when they are young, then they will probably continue to do so and remain healthy throughout their lives. "Eating habits are the important thing," said Bergeron.

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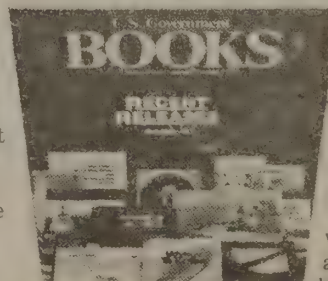
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Celtics to repeat? — not likely

By Scott Fletcher

It would appear that the most difficult thing to do in sports is to repeat as league champion, and nowhere is this more apparent than in the National Basketball Association. No team has repeated as league champion in 17 years.

The Celtics are the defending champions this season, and as of this writing, have the second-best record in the league behind the Los Angeles Lakers. The league all-star game was Sunday and most teams have just passed the halfway point of their 82-game schedules. We have seen enough of each team to evaluate their potential post-season chances. Can the Celtics repeat?

The answer offered here is no and the reasoning is quite simple. Their starters play too many minutes. Larry Bird, Robert Parish, Kevin McHale and Dennis Johnson all average over 37 minutes a game. Over the torturous 82-game schedule, that is simply too much.

Think back to last year's championship team. Bill Walton would come in and spell Parish, and coach K.C. Jones rested Bird and Johnson a lot more, using guys like Scott Wedman and Jerry Sichting. The Celtics were well-rested when the playoffs began and won the title somewhat easily.

This year, Walton and Wedman have been injured and the Celtics get virtually no help from their bench. Consequently Jones keeps his starters in longer.

Oh sure, Bird will say something like, if you can't play 45 minutes, you aren't in shape. Fine, but how many Larry Birds are there?

In the 1985 Finals against the Lakers, the Celtics were wiped out in six games. There are similarities between that team and this year's team. The 1985 starters played a ton of minutes, just like this year's team. The '85 team got little help from the bench, much like the 1987 version. The '85 Lakers were better rested and more determined, and they won.

There is an old sports axiom that says "you should ride the horse that brought you." Good advice, perhaps, unless the horse drops from exhaustion.

The Celtics are 37-13, you say, they don't look like they have any problems. These aren't the playoffs, though, and the wear-and-tear of the long, arduous schedule adds up. Who do the Celtics have coming off the bench? Fred Robert? When Boston got Roberts, everyone said he would be perfect for the Celtics. He hasn't been. His minutes decrease every game, and he has become the Invisible Man.

Although he has played

better recently, do you feel safe with Sam Vincent running the point? Do you feel comfortable with anyone coming off the bench? Sichting? Darren Daye? Conner Henry? Greg Kite? Kite is so bad it's surprising the Knicks haven't swapped a first-round pick for him.

Conditioning alone should be enough to carry the Celtics through the first couple rounds of the playoffs. But at this point, it is difficult to project them repeating.

Who else, then? The Lakers look solid again, they can go with eight or nine players without a dropoff in talent. Magic Johnson is scoring more, and is the choice here for the first half of the season MVP.

The Laker starting five of Johnson, Kareem, Byron Scott, James Worthy and A.C. Green matches up with anybody, including the Celtics. But it is their bench that gives them the edge. Michael Cooper, Mychal Thompson, Kurt Rambis and Wes Matthews give Los Angeles quality minutes, allowing coach Pat Riley to rest his stars. They will be tough to beat.

The Central Division has historically been weak in producing championship calibre clubs, but this year there are three teams with a chance. Coach Mike Fratello has moved the Atlanta Hawks among the elite of the NBA. The Hawks still begin and end with Dominique Wilkins, and an injury to him ends any hopes the Hawks have. But Atlanta, too, has eight or nine players they have confidence in and they could conceivably handle the Celtics in a seven-game series.

Chuck Daly's Detroit Pistons are 32-16, a big improvement over last year. They still have Isiah Thomas, Bill Laimbeer and Vinnie Johnson, but the big addition has been forward Adrian Dantley, acquired from Utah for Kelly Tripucka. Dantley has provided the Pistons with inside points down low, something Detroit traditionally has lacked. The bench is a bit weak (#1 pick John Salley has disappointed here) but the Pistons could cause some problems in the playoffs.

The sleeper of the league may well be the Milwaukee Bucks. The Bucks, you recall, traded for Jack Sikma, who was supposed to give them the center they have always lacked. While Sikma has failed to set the town on fire, the Bucks have adapted and are 32-21. Injured Sidney Moncrief has only played 13 games and his health dictates how far the Bucks go in the playoffs. Milwaukee has one of the best backcourts in the league with Ricky Pierce, Craig Hodges and recent pickup John Lucas (the ex-Rocket twice suspended for drugs) as well as perennial all-star forward Terry Cummings. If Sikma, Moncrief and injured forward Paul Pressey come around, the Bucks will be a factor in

the playoffs.

Out west, the pickings after the Lakers are not as slim as you would imagine. The Dallas Mavericks use nine players on a regular basis and have avoided injuries. Mark Aguirre and Rolando Blackman are the regular stars and they get their rest. The only drawback to the Mavericks is that they cannot handle the Lakers.

Houston looks like they have their act together, even after having two players suspended for drug use. Akeem Olajuwon is the best center, young or old, in the NBA, bar none. Ralph Sampson was recently injured, and is lost for the

season. The Rockets are dead without him. The Rockets were weak in the backcourt, anyway.

Portland has seven healthy players averaging more than 10 points per game, so you know their starters are getting rest. The trouble is that their starters are nothing special. After Kiki Vandeweghe and Clyde Drexler, the rest of the Trail Blazers are very ordinary. All the rest in the world does no good if the guys you are resting are lousy.

The sleeper of the west? Would you believe the Utah Jazz? The Jazz might be for real, led by Karl Malone and Darrell Griffith. But their major strength is a deep

bench. None of them are household names (except, perhaps, 7-foot-4 shot-blocker Mark Eaton) but by the time the playoffs are over, maybe some of them will be.

So where does all of this leave us? Well, if you are expecting a prediction, one is not forthcoming. Predictions are taboo, if they are wrong, we don't know what we're talking about, and if we're right, we're just showing off. Suffice to say, the Lakers look strong, as do the Celtics, Hawks, Bucks and Rockets. The key elements are still points and rebounds. But keep your eye on those minutes played, it may be the biggest factor of all.

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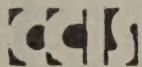
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Englishman Dale adjusting to U.S.

By Mark Keeney

Earlier this season, while staying in Manchester, NH, the men's basketball was phone ordering to a deli for a late night snack. When freshman Mark Dale took the phone, a problem arose.

An Englishman, Dale has a tendency to drop his "h's." All he wanted was a ham and cheese sandwich, yet to the guy at the deli, he was ordering 'am and cheese. What, he wanted to know, was 'am and cheese? Dale repeated his order and by this time had caught the ear of his teammates, who were going into hysterics at his inability to make the deli guy understand. Eventually, Dale got his order placed and received his 'am and cheese sandwich.

Coming to Winooski from Vermont from England is not exactly a jog around the block. Dale was recruited by Knights Coach Jim Casciano last spring while playing in the British Junior Basketball Championships. Dale's coach, Mike Burton, had Dale under his wing for some time, and was impressed at his potential. Burton had written to Casciano, and thus Dale wound up at St. Michael's.

Dale was a starting member of the Manchester Giants junior team and sat bench for the Giants' pro team. His story is admirable in that three and a

half years ago, Dale had never held a basketball.

Dale graduated from high school at age 16 and was attending school on what his profession was to have been, a finish carpenter. While at this school, two players from the Giants approached Dale and encour-

"English ball is just as quick, but not as physical as American ball."

- Mark Dale

aged him to give basketball a try. A short time later tryouts were held and Dale was having difficulty dribbling a basketball without looking at it, while the other players were flaunting their flashy moves.

While Dale did not have the skills initially, he did have one attribute that cannot be taught — height. Dale is 6-foot-9 and weighs 225 pounds. He developed the necessary skills quickly, and with nine others, was chosen for the team. It happened so quickly, that before he knew it, Dale was pounding rebounds rather than pounding nails.

Dale credits his accelerated learning to Burton. Burton is the assistant coach of the Giants pro

team. Dale had to travel 100 miles five days a week for Burton to train him. Dale concedes the distance was great, but worth it due to Burton's coaching ability.

Dale lived far away from teammates, so pickup games were not common occurrences. He spent long hours in his backyard shooting baskets by himself. He went to the local basketball club occasionally, but they were not much competition.

The style of education in England is quite different from that in the United States. Dale graduated from high school at age 16 and was working as a finish carpenter hoping to start his own business, when Casciano found him. Dale said he finds the work load at St. Michael's difficult, but he takes it as it comes.

Dale is quite pleased with American culture. He prefers American food to English, but does not favor the beer brewed in this country. While content, Dale does miss his family and girlfriend and has not seen anyone but his father since September. He must wait until school ends to return home.

The British are undergoing a transition in sports popularity. Due to fan violence at soccer matches, people are turning to basketball. It is rare to see older fans at soccer matches these days, according to Dale.

Like most youngsters inter-

ested in basketball, Dale idolized the great players like Dr. J and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

"Kids in England idolize the NBA and college greats of America," said Dale. "It is rare to get a tape of an NBA game and when one was obtained, it always caused a good deal of excitement."

English basketball is no different from the American version, although the three-point rule went into effect two years ago. Dale said the fans are just as wild at English games and bring noisy air horns to get things riled up.

As for style of play, Dale said the Purple Knights use much of the same style as is Manchester Giants, this being a constant

Dale did have one attribute that cannot be taught - height.

running game.

"English ball is just as quick, but not as physical as American ball," said Dale.

St. Michael's assistant coach Tom Conrad praises Dale for his constant effort and hard work.

"Mark is great to have in prac-

tice," said Conrad. "Our players will be used to facing tall and strong opposition. He has a good deal of potential and if he continues to work hard, he will probably see a fair amount of playing time next year."

Conrad sees Dale fighting for a starting spot his junior and senior year. Conrad has worked closely with both Michele Bonebo and Dale.

"Michele is going to make Mark a better player," said Conrad.

Conrad thinks only Dale's inexperience is holding him back.

"Mark is a big asset to our program with his enthusiasm and his excellent sense of humor," said Conrad.

Dale says that he had little trouble adapting to the practice and game schedule of the Purple Knights as he was used to the pro training in England. Dale cites Conrad for helping him adapt to the American style of play and giving him drills and techniques to work on. Although he would like more time in games, Dale realizes that as a freshman, he must wait his turn. He enjoys being with the team and calls the relationship of the players "family like."

"The players have introduced me to many people and are always encouraging me with my studies," said Dale

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Coach Nancy Rowe of NHC, who also sits on the regional chair for NCAA Div. II, said that St. Michael's was the most intense team that she faced this year.

"We're disappointed, but not discouraged and I feel we can win two of the next three games and finish the season at .500," said Duprat.



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Gannon loss ends hopes

By Scott Fletcher

Last Tuesday evening at the Ross Sports Center, a bunch of guys named Shanghai, Motown, Little Mo and Run D.M. Ski beat a bunch of guys named Skeeter, The Horse, Flyin' Brian and The Angel in a men's college

basketball game.

Dopey and Goofy were there, too, they came to throw toilet paper.

Gannon University knocked off St. Michael's 97-91 to bump the Purple Knights out of the league title picture. Gannon, ranked 10th in the nation, is the league champion with only one league loss, and will host the final Mideast Conference tournament in Erie, PA over spring break.

The best player in the house that night has no nickname. Mitchell Smith absolutely *killed* St. Michael's. Smith, a 24-year-old sophomore forward from Baltimore, "is a real thoroughbred" according to the Gannon media guide. He shot the lights out at the Ross Sports Center, going 13 of 18 from the floor including 4 of 4 from 3-point land. He was in constant foul trouble (he picked up his fourth with 11:25 left in the game) which limited his playing time, but he managed 31 points in 20 minutes.

Daway's penetration basket was the Purple Knights first field goal of the game, and continuing the two-game tradition, the fans threw rolls of toilet paper on the court.

That was all well and good, but perhaps St. Michael's fans are not sure, being so new at it, how this tradition thing goes. Bonebo's basket brought on *more* (where did they get all of it?) rolls of toilet paper.

Perhaps someone should have



Michel Bonebo is fouled attempting to dunk during St. Michael's 97-91 loss to Gannon University last Tuesday evening. Defending for Gannon are Mitch Smith (43), Mike Runski (33), John Jamison (3) and John Matthews (52). The Knights Larry Irving (35) and Jim Dietz (33) look on. (photo by Pat Farrington)

Men's Basketball



explained that this toilet paper thing is only done after the *first* basket. The second wave was lobbed in the general direction of the Gannon bench. The referees would have none of it, and rightfully called a technical foul. Good thing this did not turn out to be a one-point game.

The technical broke the Purple Knights' 7-0 string. After a pair of free throws by Gus Gabriel ("The Angel"), Mitch Smith gave an indication of things to come when he buried two 3-pointers to get Gannon back into the game, 9-7.

The Purple Knights managed to stay in front of Gannon for most of the first half. St. Michael's fortunes took a turn for the worse when Dawy picked up his second foul with 13:49 left in the first half. Daway sat for about seven minutes and soon after he returned he picked up his third with 5:43 to go in the half. Bonebo also picked up two fouls early, and sat for much of the first half.

"That was the turning point," said Gannon Coach Tom Chapman. "When Daway and Bonebo went out with foul trouble, we put together that string."

And what a string it was. The Golden Knights ran off 16 points in the last 5:24 of the half. Jim Dietz's 19-foot jumper with six minutes to go was the last field goal of the half for St. Michael's. A couple of 3-pointers by Mike Runski ("Run D.M.Ski") were the big shots of

the streak. Gannon went from trailing 29-24 to a 40-29 lead. For all intents and purposes, that was the game.

St. Michael's scored the first six points of the second half, but that was their biggest run. The Purple Knights never got blown away (other than the 16-0 streak) but were never in serious striking distance.

One of the big reasons was Mitch Smith. He had only six points at halftime, but got hot in the second half. Smith has a cool demeanor on-court, moving around with a self-assured swagger. With his goggles and his receding hairline, he bears a striking resemblance to ex-NBA great Satch Sanders.

Smith took over the game for a short stretch in the second half. He drove the lane and dunked at 13:55 to give Gannon a 53-39 lead, and then swished an 18-foot jump shot. Then he tossed in a 3-pointer, and most of his are from well behind the line, 24 or 25 feet at least. To finish off his solo, he scored in heavy traffic in the lane, was fouled, and hit the free throw. He scored ten points in two and a half minutes.

St. Michael's trailed 81-70 with just under four minutes to play, when they were forced to throw away their gameplan and start hoisting 3-pointers and crashing the boards. The Knights began to foul, and Gannon's hot free throw shooting kept them ahead.

St. Michael's 3-point shooting in the last minute and a half was impressive, four different players found the range. Brian Young ("Flyin' Brian") had two, Larry Irving ("The Horse"), Daway and Dietz had one each. The Purple Knights pulled within four points but were never that close *with* the ball.

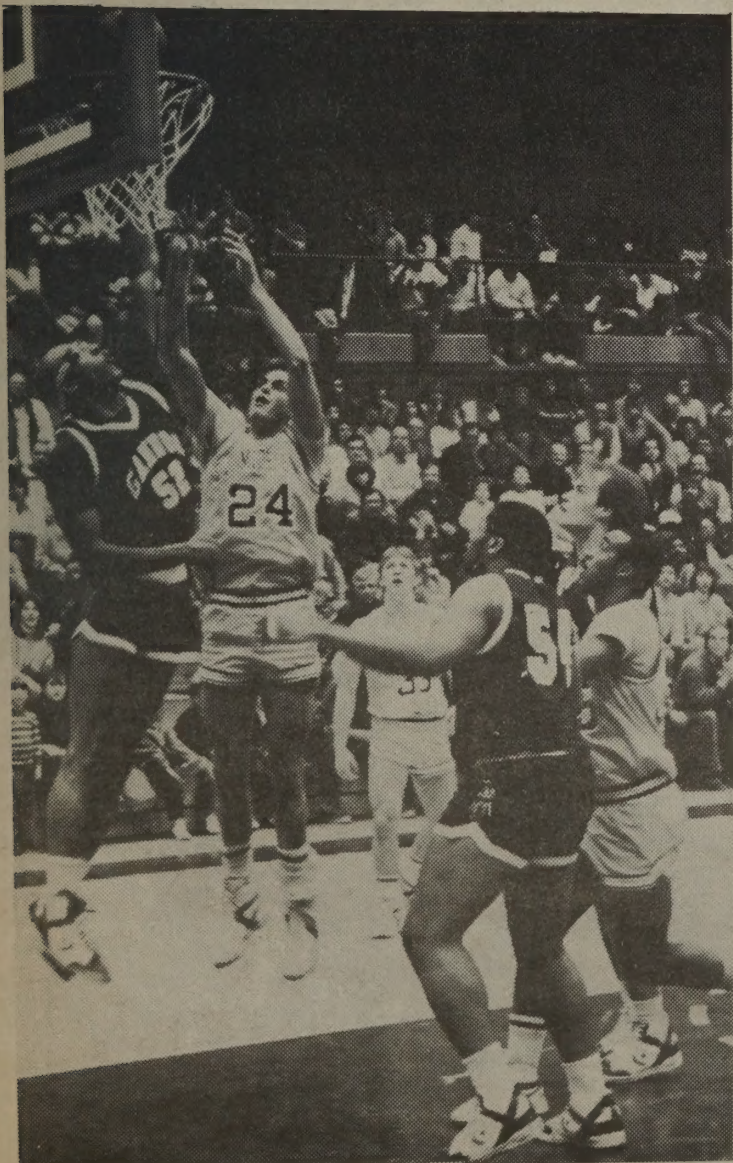
"They were a better team," said St. Michael's Coach Jim Casciano. "Smith was just incredible. We were playing well up to that stretch in the first half, we had a number of five-point leads but we didn't extend it. Give them credit, they made their free throws."

Chapman was impressed, but not surprised, at Smith's performance/

"He's a streak player," said Chapman of Smith. "When Mitchell is hot, we just say 'OK, go do it.' Nobody coaches those shots."

"They're a tournament caliber team," said Chapman of St. Michael's. "Tonight we just...I don't know what we did. I have no idea what this team does."

They host conference tournaments, year after year, and they have fun. Too bad they may not come to visit anymore.



St. Michael's JB Brown lays in two points as Gannon's John Matthews attempts to block the shot during last Tuesday's 97-91 Gannon victory. Gannon's Dave Morris (54) tries to block out St. Michael's Larry Irving. (photo by Pat Farrington)

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St. Michael's center Kathy King sets up low post in last Monday's loss to New Hampshire College. (photo by Scott Fletcher)

Seniors shine as SMC wins two over Villanova

By Susan M. O'Shea

The men's ice hockey team had a successful weekend with two solid victories over Villanova on Feb. 7 and 8, bringing the Knights' record to 5-12.

Sophomore Todd Drolette led the Knights on Sunday with a three goal hat trick. Co-captain Jay Bellissimo and Kevin Benedix scored two goals each, while Bill Skinner added one goal to bring the final score to 8-2.

"I was very excited about both wins," coach Lou DiMasi said. "Everything fell together and everyone played at 210 percent."

The team's togetherness was evident in Saturday's game, as each goal was scored by a different player. Bellissimo, Skinner, Benedix, Scott Branon, Dan Glover, Peter Noonan and Mike Sheehan each put one in the net to defeat Villanova 7-4.

This player unity supports DiMasi's feeling that there is no one dominant player on the team. The seniors, he said, represent the collective dominant force.

"Co-captains Bellissimo and Eric Rutz are solid leaders who have kept the team going on an up note," DiMasi said. "Tony Ackels, Mike Mullahy and Scott Branon have also demonstrated leadership abilities both on and off the ice. Phil Fernandez is fin-

ishing up four impressive years."

DiMasi said injuries and losses to graduation and academics hurt the Knights last semester, especially on defense. But senior Mike Mullahy, who DiMasi calls the "utility man", has been a strong influence in rebuilding the defense.

"We have had a very tough schedule this year but I'm happy we did have a tough one. A team should play a hard schedule," DiMasi said.

Although the record does not show it, this season has been one of the most successful for the

Knights.

"We have developed many players and more kids have wanted to be a part of the program," DiMasi said. "We have 36 players on both the varsity and 'B' teams at this time. This is the most we've ever had this late in the season which is putting the hockey program on an upswing."

DiMasi said the crowds have also been bigger and better this season, which adds to the positive attitude of the team.

"My wish is that every senior leaves the program with their head held high."



St. Michael's defenseman Mike Sheeran (2) takes a shot on Villanova goalie Geordi Borsari during the Knights' 8-2 win over Villanova last weekend. Villanova defensemen Damon Wojciechowski (18) and John DeLude (13) look to clear the rebound. (photo by Pat Farrington)

Lady Knights pummel Saints

By Jeffrey Chalbeck

It looked like a basketball version of the "Valentine's Day" massacre as St. Michael's women's basketball team took no prisoners on their way to a 96-50 rout of St. Lawrence University at the Ross Sports Center, Saturday afternoon.

It was the Purple Knights' final home game of the 1986-87 season, and the final appearance at the Sports Center for three seniors, who are winding down their collegiate career at St. Michael's College.

Debbie Burke, Liz Ringrose and Kathy Stubbing started their final home game amid the cheers from friends, family and fans. The three looked like they really enjoyed themselves as they combined for 46 points and scored more field goal attempts than the entire St. Lawrence team.

The Purple Knights took control of the game early and never looked back. St. Michael's led 18-1 at the 13:41 mark, mostly by stripping their opponents of the ball and not allowing them to attempt a field goal until five minutes into the

contest.

"It was a nice team effort... we took good care of the ball and of each other on the court today," said Coach Duprat.

Everyone that was healthy played for St. Michael's and all of those players scored. A bevy of points came in the second half, when 10 different players combined for 56 points on 71 percent shooting from the field.

"We want to be able to play like we practice," said Duprat. "We're a transition team on offense and we are not going to hold the ball even though we are playing a weaker team."

The Knights completely outclassed the Div. III team from New York, causing 32 turnovers, 23 of those coming off steals by the defense. St. Lawrence kept their starters in for most of the game in an attempt to stay competitive, but after a time it was evident that this strategy was futile. Even though the starters averaged almost 36 minutes of playing time they were only able to score 44 points and the bench was not a factor.

St. Michael's, on the other hand, was able to give everyone some playing time and only play the starters for about 20 minutes. The Knights got 39 points from their bench including 18 from junior guard Becky Knox.

"The kids had fun out there," said Duprat. "We wanted everyone to make this the best game possible for our seniors. It was a nice way to show our appreciation for what they've done for us."

The Purple Knights gave St. Lawrence a clinic in how to create points off of turnovers. The seniors showed their experience and their court savvy as the three of them scored the first 17 points for SMC.

Burke got things started with a steal off the dribble and a layup, Burke again, with a 14-foot jumper from the right baseline, then Stubbing put in an offensive rebound for two points. Burke lit it up again from deep and then again from the baseline. Then Stubbing was fouled while going up for a shot, went to the line to shoot two, and got both of them. Then at the 14:55 mark, Ringrose got into the act by scoring a three point play off a dribble drive and scored again on the next possession on a 16-foot jumper from the foul line extended.

After 5:32 of action the seniors had made their mark and sent a message to the St. Lawrence bence that they would not be denied victory on this day.

The Valentine's Day victory gives SMC a 12-13 record with three road games to go. The Knights lost a hard-fought game last week to New Hampshire College, 68-61. A victory over the Lady Penmen would have given them a .500 record with the win over St. Lawrence.



Sue Duprat

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